

James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, August 31, 1802, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe Correspondence, Transcribed and Edited by Gerard W. Gawalt, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress

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Jas. Monroe's best respects to Mr. Jefferson, as he sits out to Richmond tomorrow or next day, & will probably not see him before his departure. He will thank Mr. Jefferson for information on the following subjects: The State of Maryld. has set up a claim to the territory lying within this State No. of the So. Branch of Patowk. on the principle that the So. Branch is her true boundary. She proposes to submit the question to arbitrators. Was not that pointed settled by the King in Council, in a controversy between Ld. Fairfax & Baltimore? Was not the settlement of the jurisdiction of the Chesapeake & Patowk. understood to be an adjustment of all interfering claims between the 2 States? This latter took

place abt. the year 1785, between George Mason & Mr. Stone.

The line between this State and Tennessee is to be settled this fall. I have obtained from F. Walker a copy of the survey of his father. Is any other document necessary on our part? Walker's line is established with No. Carolina but presumably after the separation of Tennessee from that State.

J.M. presumes that Mr. Jefferson has taken the course intimated in his last letter relative to our slaves of causing the Directors of the African Company to be sounded thro' our

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minister in London, as to our being permitted to colonize them there. This subject however is not so material at present. J.M. may return in the course

of next week; he certainly will return in time to see Mr. Jefferson before he sits out for Washington when he will have the pleasure of conferring with him on that interesting subject.

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